

Labor was never so fully employed, and wages, as a whole, were never better. This means that the great mass of people in the country earning wages are able to go to the store and buy the goods of the country, which always carries a full trade. As for the farmer, there has never been a year when his products have brought so much money, measured by what he will purchase in the products of other people. Never were the farmers in a condition to do so large a cash business. The condition of the mass of retail dealers throughout the country is said to be much more satisfactory than a year ago. Then the certainty of the passing of the McKinley law was made a pretext to raise the cry of an advance in prices, and, believing this, many merchants purchased larger stocks than they otherwise would, and larger than they could dispose of without loss. This year they know that the prices of all manufactured goods are at low figures, and they are not likely to rise. This is, in fact, the only condition to purchase and pay for more. Consequently, there is genuine confidence in the circles of retail trade.

**Burdett's Advice.**

Mr. Vanderbilt paysh is cook \$10000 year, my boy, which is a great deal more than he gets here, so I am glad to see that he has got better as a cook. That is all. Presumably because he can cook better than a man in America. That is all. If Monsieur Saucepierre could cook tolerably well, and shoot a little, and speak the languages tolerably well, and keep his family, and sing some, and could possess a fair sort of a sermon, and I knew something about horses, and could do a little work in the garden, and work a good road grader, tolerably well, and could read proofs tolerably, and could do house and sign painting, and could help on a threshing machine, and could teach law to practice in a justice court in Kerkago township, and hence on for the Legislature, and know a little French, say, he couldn't get \$10000 a year for it. He needs that just because he knows how to cook, and wouldn't make a cent's difference in his salary if he didn't know how to cook, and that it went around the orbit wheels. There is nothing like knowing your own business, and being able whether you know anything else or

This radical measure, but it seems required, so far as can be judged public utterances, as of more doubtful expediency.

**School Statistics.**  
Found in the report for 1899:  
Total income for school purposes of the state of 31,541, \$7,682,613.11  
Paid for teachers wages, \$3,172  
Total school expenses for the \$3,657,870.52.  
No. of school age in Holt 5,087.  
Teachers wages in this county \$11.  
Total school expenditures for county \$455,291.  
No. of school age in this \$6,474.  
Total No. enrolled in the schools of the state, 626,511.  
Total No. that do not attend schools, 244,949.  
About 20 per cent of the children not attend the public schools.  
It costs, on an average, for the \$6.22 to educate a pupil for one year in the public schools for a town of

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enjoy the sweetest kind of repose at drinking coffee.

Vacuum, taken half a teaspoonful at a time, cures a cold.

**London's New Tower.**

The Walden tower is so far on the way to become an accomplished fact, that the site of 3.9 acres has been purchased. The ground one-half will be laid out as a pleasure garden. The promoters have not been steamed in the matter of designs. They have had plans sent to the continent and from America, as well as from all parts of the United Kingdom. Some of the competing engineers have branched into remarkable designs. One, for example, has provided for a steam tramway from the base to the summit of the tower. Another has given the tower in individual vans in the form of a dome large enough to contain the walls of the houses of parliament. The steam tramway, however, is not likely to be constructed. The promoters have decided that the tramway within the shell should be effected entirely by hydraulic machinery.—*London City Circular.*

**ENGLAND** loses in many millions of dollars every year at its custom house by its tariff on tea and coffee, and Democrats, who obtain their economic notions from England, say that the duties, with sugar, ought to be placed on the durable list again in this country.

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